



Sunday December 11, 2022
 The Third Sunday of Advent
We Prepare For Worship

Preparing our Hearts

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. Isaiah 35:1-2

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn: *Hark the glad sound* #118

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Mason Girard

L.: The light shines in the darkness,

P: We come to worship, seeking the joy Mary sang to welcome her saviour.

L.: Source of light, shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

P: Renew in us the joy of our salvation.

L: Let us worship God.

Advent Candle liturgy **PWS&D Advent 3 Insert** Heather-Ann
 and Jocelyn Lowry and Laura Culley

Solo: Hope is a Star Carol Howes

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Children's Time Song: Come, Holy Saviour, Come (*green insert*)
 Tune: Silver Birch

(*Afterwards, the children may retire to the Sunday school*)

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm 146:5-10 (*green insert*) Alireza Taghizadeh

New Testament: Luke 1:46-55 NT p. 57

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: From the Heart Rev. Dr. H. Vais
 *Hymn: *My soul gives glory to my God* #123 (Tune #138)

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Oh for a thousand tongues to sing* #374

We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
 God will go with you each hour of every day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe,
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there, watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Organ Postlude

**if you are able, please stand*



We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

****We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Our ushers are available to assist you.**



For children ages 6-12 we have a one-room Sunday School programme in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Story.

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn.

Thank you and welcome to Alexandra Weiss who is our guest organist today.

Milk Bag Donations

We are once again collecting milk bags for residents of Glynwood to weave sleeping mats for Haiti.

If you have any dry and clean milk bags to donate, please place them in the blue box located between the two doors to the Fellowship Hall.



The 2023 Presbyterian Wall Calendars

are now in and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Proceeds of sales will go towards the Youth Fund.

You can purchase a calendar after worship or reserve a calendar by calling or emailing our Administrator Nadine admin@tpchurch.net or Rev. Heather.

T'is the Season....

For the Children's Christmas Pageant!

A reminder to parents that the children (grades 1-6) will be rehearsing for their Christmas pageant in their regular Sunday School classes on **Sunday December 11**.

Plus, we will have a pizza party practice on **Saturday December 17th** from **5:30pm-7:30pm** and then again on **performance day, Sunday December 18th** at **9:30am**.

Please come out and enjoy learning and sharing the story of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ!

Christmas Assistance Program 2022

We are grateful for the many years that TPC has supported the Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program.

Families in need will be provided with gift cards for grocery stores again this Christmas season.

You can help by donating in your weekly envelope and marking "Christmas Assistance Program" on the "Other" line or by dropping your donation off at the church mail slot.

Contact Sharon Miron for further information at sharonmiron24@gmail.com.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday December 13, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ESL Class in the Fellowship Hall

1:30 pm WMS Meeting on Zoom

7:30 pm Session Meeting on Zoom

Thursday December 15, 2022

1:00 pm Advent Video Study Series

7:30 pm Advent Video Study Series

Saturday December 17, 2022

9:30 am Gift basket set up and delivery

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Christmas Pageant rehearsal and pizza party

Sunday December 18, 2022

11:00 am Worship Service – 4th Sunday of Advent

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings during this pandemic there are several options available to do so.

Offerings can be mailed (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

You may also donate on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at www.tpchurch.net or directly to CanadaHelps.Org at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR) If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

Thank you for your support!

- Please remember to **turn off cell phones** before you enter the Sanctuary. Thank you.
- Hearing assist systems are available for those who need them. Please speak with an usher
- **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers



Advent & Christmas Worship

November 27

*The First Sunday of Advent
A Service of Lessons and Carols*

December 4

*The Second Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 18

*The Fourth Sunday in Advent
The Sunday School Christmas Pageant*

Monday December 19 – 7:00 p.m.

The Longest Night Service (at the church)

December 24 – 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Communion and Lessons and Carols

December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Sunday

A Service of Holy Communion and Lessons and Carols

Stewardship End-of-Year Campaign Update

The statements to the end of October showed a deficit of \$13,139, which is **an improvement** over September.

Year to date givings are slightly lower than last year.

With COVID restrictions easing, we have had more rental income this year.

Our expenses are lower primarily because we are not paying for a Director of Music Ministry.

We do not yet have November numbers, but typically November and December are our strongest months.

We are very grateful for your continued support.

Mitten Tree



Please consider helping us fill the Mitten Tree in the foyer with warm mitts, scarves, hats and gloves this holiday season. All the items collected will be delivered to Evangel Hall early in the new year to provide warmth and to remind our brothers and sisters of our love.

PWS&D Gifts of Change

Everyone has someone on their holiday gift list for whom it is impossible to buy a gift! Why not consider an impactful gift from the PWS&D Gifts of Change catalogue?

You can pick up a catalogue in the foyer and after making a purchase, place a gift tag on the tree.

Working together, we can make a difference in the lives of people around the world.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 146:5-10

⁵Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ **He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.**

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ **the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD.**

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God**

Children's Time Song

Come, Holy Saviour, Come

Shine, Advent candle, shine,
light up the darkness,
shining for all to see:
soon He will come,
Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
Saviour and tiny King.
Come, holy Saviour,
come, holy Saviour,
come, holy Saviour, come.

Come down, Emmanuel,
Lord of all nations.
Come, holy Son of God,
bring us salvation.
Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
Saviour and tiny King.
Come, holy Saviour,
come, holy Saviour,
come, holy Saviour, come.
Saviour come.

Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner



Every year the TPC senior youth go to Evangel Hall with some youth leaders and the minister to prepare and serve Christmas dinner to the homeless and underhoused at **Evangel Hall Mission** in Toronto.

This ministry is only made possible by the generous donations of cash and food by our TPC members.

This year our youth will be serving dinner on Sunday December 18.

The need is even greater this year as it is estimated we will need to feed close to **200 people** as opposed to the usual 100.

We pray you can support us again this year.

Our present needs include:

Cash donations: presently, we have \$230.00

10 - 12 **cooked** turkeys (currently 5)

10 - 12 hams (currently 1)

10-12 bags of potatoes (currently 2)

16 bags of veggies (currently 1)

200 Rolls/buns

25 Pies (currently 8)

14 cans cranberry sauce (currently 5)

18 cans gravy (currently 3)

~~24 boxes of stove-top stuffing~~ (we have all we need now)

4 pounds of butter (currently 2)

1 large tub of Margarine

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Hymn

Hark the glad sound

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song!

You come the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before you burst,
the iron fetters yield.

You come the broken heart to bind,
the wounded soul to cure,
to bring the treasures of God's grace,
good tidings for the poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your most honoured name.

Hymn

My soul gives glory to my God

My soul gives glory to my God.
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me;
yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed,
and blessings they shall claim.

From age to age to all who fear,
such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near,
dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
promotes the insecure,
leaves hungry spirits satisfied;
the rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant
supports those in distress,
remembering past promises
with present faithfulness.

Hymn

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.